



**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2014
7:00 PM**

Donald Froelich – Chair

**Michael Caputo – Vice Chair
Steven Beeuwsaert - Commissioner**

**Rick Frazier - Commissioner
Ed Rowe - Commissioner**

Location: City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California 92653

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Members of the public wishing to address the Traffic Commission can do so during the Public Comments portion of the Agenda with a time limitation of three minutes per person, an overall time limit of ten minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes for Public Comments. If you are commenting on an Agenda item, your comments will be heard at the time that item is scheduled on the Agenda. If you are addressing the Commission on an item not listed on the Agenda, the Traffic Commission is prohibited by law from discussing or taking any action on that item.

CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the City of Laguna Hills. Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 is available on the table at the back of the City Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time to address the Traffic Commission on any matter not listed on this Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

Public Comments are limited to three minutes per person, an overall time limit of ten minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes.

2. MINUTES

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 BECKENHAM STREET PARKING

4.2 NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN CROSSING ENHANCEMENTS

4.3 LOMARENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission will be January 21, 2015, at 7:00 PM, in the City Council Chamber, located at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

CERTIFICATION

I, HUMZA JAVED, Associate Civil Engineer of the City of Laguna Hills, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at Laguna Hills City Hall, Laguna Hills Community Center, and the Courtyard at La Paz Center by November 14, 2014, at 5:00 PM.



HUMZA JAVED
ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER

November 14, 2014

DATE

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**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Donald Froelich

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Donald Froelich, Commissioner Ed Rowe and Commissioner Stephen Beeuwsaert

Absent: Vice Chair Mike Caputo and Commissioner Rick Frazier

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mary Pruitt, a resident of Acacia Knolls, presented the Traffic Commission with street parking issues regarding Alicia Village Apartment residents. Ms. Pruitt indicated that the residents of Alicia Village Apartments on Stockport Street are parking on Beckenham Street causing congestion and disruptions all throughout the day and night. Ms. Pruitt is requesting "No Parking" signs from 10pm – 6am to stop the parking congestion and late night flow of traffic. She indicated that approximately 12-15 cars park on the street daily with the majority being residents of Alicia Village Apartments. Chair Froelich requested that Mr. Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer, suggest any recommendations for these issues. Mr. Javed requested that Ms. Pruitt call him so they can discuss this matter further.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2014, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER ROW, S/CHAIR FROELICH

Approved by a vote of 3-0 (Vice Chair Caputo and Commissioner Frazier Absent)

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**4.1 VISTA GRANDE PARKING**

Associate Civil Engineer, Humza Javed, indicated that City Staff was contacted by a business owner on Vista Grande Drive regarding the full time "No Parking" restriction. The owner was concerned about the shortage of parking on the private parking lot and requested that parking become available on Vista Grande Drive during business hours only. After evaluating this issue, Staff is recommending that parking be allowed during business hours only to provide the businesses with adequate onsite parking during normal business hours while preventing overnight and long term parking.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL MODIFICATION OF THE PARKING RESTRICTION ON VISTA GRANDE DRIVE TO READ "NO PARKING 6:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M."

Approved by a vote of 3-0 (Vice Chair Caputo and Commissioner Frazier Absent)

4.2 MCINTYRE STREET PAVEMENT MARKING

Associate Civil Engineer, Humza Javed, indicated that City Staff received a request from Mr. Joe Hibbard, resident located at 25361 McIntyre Street, regarding vehicles driving southbound on McIntyre Street. Mr. Hibbard indicated that vehicles were driving too close to the curb affecting his ability to enter and exit his driveway. Upon performing a field survey, Staff determined pavement markings with diagonal crosshatch markings would shift vehicles closer to the centerline of the street while still allowing plenty of lane space for thru vehicles.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS ALONG MCINTYRE STREET

Approved by a vote of 3-0 (Vice Chair Caputo and Commissioner Frazier Absent)

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**5.1 LA PAZ AT CABOT STRIPING MODIFICATIONS**

Staff presented to the Commission a plan by Caltrans to re-stripe La Paz Road east

of Cabot Road in order to enhance traffic flow.

5.2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant Prince gave an update on the back to school traffic flow and the success of the Sheriff Department's education and enforcement program.

5.3 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Donald Froelich declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Prepared by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Approved By:

Donald Froelich
Chair



City of Laguna Hills Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: 11/19/14

TO: TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS

FROM: HUMZA JAVED, P.E.
ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER

ISSUE: BECKENHAM STREET PARKING

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE

SUMMARY:

The City was recently contacted by a resident of the Community regarding overnight parking along Beckenham Street. The resident stated concerns regarding out-of-neighborhood vehicles parked along Beckenham street westerly of Wilkes Place and the related noise from this activity. Upon performing a survey of the street during night time hours, approximately 20 parked vehicles were counted. Though it is possible that out-of-neighborhood parking is occurring and these activities are generating noise during night and early morning hours, Beckenham Street is a public street and appropriately open for parking. It is not recommended that parking be restricted along this stretch of roadway. It is recommended that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

Beckenham Street is two-way collector street with a 30 mph speed limit. It serves access to commercial businesses, residential areas, and Beckenham Park. There is barricade at the Beckenham/Wilkes intersection. There are multiple "No Parking Any Time" zones along the length of Beckenham Street that have been in place before the City of Laguna Hills' incorporation. These restricted parking zones have been created to provide drivers with unrestricted visibility of approaching traffic when stopped at Sunset Place or Acacia Lane.

At the last Traffic Commission meeting, Ms. Mary Pruitt, resident of 24976 Silverleaf Lane (which backs up to Beckenham Street) stated concerns about out-of-neighborhood parking along Beckenham Street during night-time hours. She stated that residents from Stockport Apartments drop off their cars at night and pick them up early in the morning, and this activity generates noise and disturbance.

Upon receiving Ms. Pruitt's complaint, Staff researched the parking restrictions along Beckenham Street, and performed field surveys. The surveys did not conclude any on-site safety concerns, and all of the existing parking restrictions are being complied with. The Sheriff's Department also performed four nightly inspections at approximately 11:30 p.m. Approximately 20 unoccupied vehicles were observed with occasional trash adjacent to the park. No unusual or illicit activity was noted.

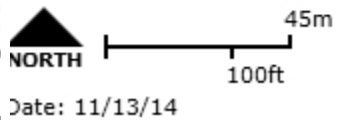
Though it is likely that out-of-neighborhood parking is occurring on Beckenham Street and these activities are generating sound intermittent noise during night and early morning hours, Beckenham Street is a public street and this is normal and expected activity on public streets. There is no apparent traffic congestion, traffic safety or pedestrian safety basis to consider further parking restrictions on Beckenham Street. It is recommended that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report.

ATTACHMENT:

- Vicinity Map



11/19/2014 ITEM NO. 4.1



VICINITY MAP





City of Laguna Hills Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: 11/19/14

TO: TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS

FROM: HUMZA JAVED, P.E.
ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER

ISSUE: NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL IMPROVING SPECIFIED EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN THE NELLIE GAIL RANCH COMMUNITY.

SUMMARY:

Staff has been working the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) to improve the equestrian crossings throughout the Nellie Gail Ranch community. The Committee has recommended a number of crossings for enhancements. Staff has met with the Committee members on multiple occasions and has evaluated each crossing. It is recommended the Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council enhancements to the equestrian trail crossings as recommended by staff and described in this report.

BACKGROUND:

In 2012 the City Council approved the establishment of a staff directed Ad Hoc Committee to review equestrian trail crossing safety in and around the Nellie Gail Ranch community. Since the formation of the Committee, enhancements were made to numerous equestrian crossings. Recently the Committee contacted Staff with a request to further enhance an additional 12 locations. Enhancements to a majority of these locations includes the installation of the Equestrian Trail Crossing Sign Package, please see attached. This sign package was developed as a standard to be implemented at equestrian crossings throughout the community. Some locations do not have the fully implemented version of the sign package. Staff is proposing the enhancements as follows:

1. On Nellie Gail Road at Sheriff Road
 - a. Add yield lines in both directions.
2. On Nellie Gail Road approximately 350' north of Buckboard Lane

- a. Add yield lines both directions.
 - b. Add advanced Horse Crossing signage & striping.
3. On Nellie Gail Road approximately 150' north of Oso Parkway
 - a. Add yield lines both directions.
4. On Hitching Rail approximately 50' west of Cabot Road
 - a. Add yield lines in both directions.
 - b. Add equestrian crossing signs with arrows.
 - c. Add advanced Horse Crossing signage & striping in eastbound direction.
5. On Bridlewood Drive approximately 75' south of the intersection of Bridlewood Drive and Nellie Gail Road
 - a. Add yield lines in both directions.
 - b. Add advanced Horse Crossing signage & striping in southbound direction.
6. On Buckboard Lane approximately 250' west of Stetson
 - a. Add yield lines both directions.
 - b. Add equestrian crossing signs with arrows.
 - c. Add advanced Horse Crossing signage & striping in both directions.
7. On Buckskin at Mustang
 - a. Add yield lines both directions.
 - b. Add equestrian crossing signs with arrows.
 - c. Add advanced Horse Crossing signage & striping in both directions.
8. On Stageline Drive approximately 50' west of Hidden Trail Road
 - a. Add yield lines both directions.
 - b. Add equestrian crossing signs with arrows.
 - c. Add advanced Horse Crossing signage & striping in the eastbound direction.
9. On Hidden Trail Road between Rodeo Circle and Derby Hill approximately 75' north of the intersection of Hidden Trail Road and Derbyhill
 - a. Add yield lines both directions.
10. On Hidden Trail Road between Gold Dust/Abeline and Rockridge , north of the intersection of Hidden Trail Road and Rockridge
 - a. Add yield lines both directions.
11. On Greenfield approximately 200' north of the Toll Road
 - a. Add yield lines in both directions.

12. On Rapid Falls at Sundowner
 - a. Add yield lines in both directions.
 - b. Add advance Horse Xing in both directions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for the additional signage and striping to enhance the equestrian crossings at the abovementioned locations is approximately \$14,000. This project was not anticipated and is not budgeted in the 2014-2015 Public Works Maintenance budget, however, funds may be available as we approach the end of the fiscal year. Otherwise, the work will be performed in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT:

- Equestrian Trail Crossing Sign Package

Equestrian Trail Crossing Sign Package

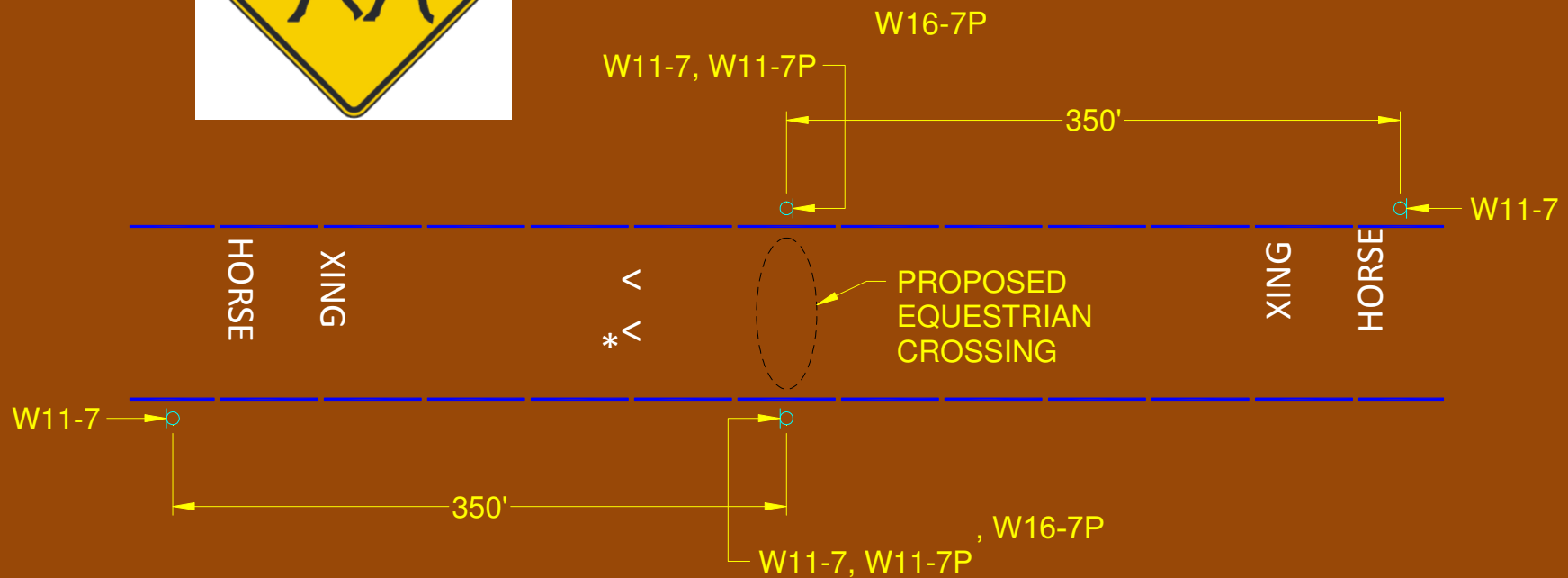
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*Addition of Chevron or Arrow Head is an option to further point out the crossing location



City of Laguna Hills Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: 11/19/14

TO: TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS

FROM: HUMZA JAVED, P.E.
ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER

ISSUE: LOMARENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL MODIFICATION OF THE NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF EARHART ROAD WEST OF THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY.

SUMMARY:

The City has been contacted by the Principal of Lomarena Elementary School regarding traffic at Lomarena Elementary School. The Principal of the school advised that the school has grown in population by 25% in the recent years, and the street area is congested during school drop-off and pick-up hours. The Principal requested allowing parking along a segment of curb along the southerly side of Earhart Road easterly of Barents Street to reduce street congestion. Parking is currently restricted to bus parking only. As buses no longer serve the school, removing the parking restriction is acceptable. It is recommended that the Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council modification of the current parking restriction along the southerly side of Earhart Road from the school entrance driveway to 140 feet westerly.

BACKGROUND:

Lomarena Elementary School is located at the corner of Earhart Road and Barents Street. Staff met with Police Services and the Principal, Mr. Brendon Morrow, on site to review the traffic flow. Mr. Morrow mentioned that the school has grown in population by 25% in the last two years, and that there is traffic congestion during school drop-off and pick-up hours. He suggested allowing parking on the southerly side of Earhart Road westerly of school entrance driveway in order to accommodate additional vehicle parking. A segment of the curb along the south side of Earhart Road from Barents Street to the school entrance driveway is restricted to bus parking only. As buses no longer serve the school, removing the parking restriction would be beneficial in reducing street congestion. The bus parking restriction currently exists along the south side of Earhart Road from the school

entrance driveway to 140 feet westerly. It is recommended that this zone be opened to allow parking for all vehicles, and a No Stopping Anytime zone be established along the south side of Earhart Road from the Lomarena School entrance driveway to 40 feet westerly in order to accommodate sight distance, and ease of access into the driveway.

The School also requested the establishment of a crossing guard at the intersection of Earhart Road at Velasquez Road. This intersection of two residential streets is a four-way stop controlled intersection with yellow painted school crosswalks. There are no known safety issues at this intersection. Upon review of the request and field counts, it was determined that the intersection does not meet the minimum criteria for crossing guards under the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which is 40 pedestrians and 350 vehicles for each of any two hours in one day.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The modification of the existing No Parking Anytime Zone has an anticipated cost of \$500. Funds are available for this work in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Public Works Maintenance Budget.

ATTACHMENT:

- Vicinity Map



 NORTH
20m
80ft
Date: 11/13/14

VICINITY MAP



11/19/2014 ITEM NO. 4.3

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

November 2014

RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	Nellie Gail N/O Empty Saddle 25 MPH	4 Woodbluff S/O Middleridge 25 MPH	5 Bridlewood S/O Laurel Crest 25 MPH	6	7
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9	10		11	12	13	14
15						
16	17	Santa Vittoria N/O Ridge Route 30 MPH	18 Lost Colt E/O Breargrass 25 MPH	19	20	21
22						
23	24		25	26	27 HOLIDAY	28 HOLIDAY
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30						

Rainy Days Excluded

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

December 2014

RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Stageline W/O Hidden Trail 25 MPH	9 Bridlewood S/O Laurel Crest 25 MPH	10 Mustang W/O Farrier 25 MPH	11	12	13
14	15 Rapid Falls W/O Sundowner 25 MPH	16 Lost Colt W/O Stageline 25 MPH	17 Glen Canyon S/O Nellie Gail 25 MPH	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 HOLIDAY	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

